Talks with Sri Lankan Government on Tamils

441. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had talks with the Sri Lankan Government recently to settle the problem of Tamils; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government have been in continuous dialogue with the Government of Sri Lanka in regard to settling the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka.

(b) Government's endeavour is to reduce the gap between the positions of the Government of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Tamil groups in order to facilitate a final settlement. The efforts are being continued.

Punjab's request for more forces

442. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has asked for some more forces from the Centre to control the woresening law and order situation in that State; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Additional forces have been provided to Punjab Government.

Regularisation of ad-hoc Group 'D' Employees

443. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan of 18th January, 1986 to the effect that Supreme Court of India has expressed its distress over unhealthy practice of keeping Group 'D' employees on *ad-hoc* basis for years together and exhorted Government to regularise the service of the persons who are working on *ad-hoc* basis for more than six months;

(b) whether Government have issued or propose to issue instructions to various Ministries and Departments to regularies the services of those working on *ad-hoc* basis for more than six months;

(c) whether Government are aware that a number of Group 'D' employees in various Ministries|Departments particularly in Ministry of Labour, Urban Development and Information and Broadcasting and its office of Director-General, Doordarshan, Delhi Doordarshan. Press Information Bureau etc. are being kept on ad-hoc basis for more than 2—3 years; and

(d) what immediate remedial steps Government propose to take to regularise the services of such employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a), (b) and (d) The Supreme Court deilvered a judgement on 17-1-86 in the context of a prayer made by some daily wage workers of the CPWD for a direction that they should be paid the same wages as admissible to the regular employees doing identical work, even if it was not possible to employ them on regular basis. The Supreme Court gave the direction as prayed for by the petitioners and also made certain general observations about regularisation of services of the persons employed on daily wage Basis.

According to existing instructions, no person can be appointed on daily wage basis for work of regular nature. If work of regular nature exists in a Ministry|Department|Office. steps should be taken to create suitable posts and fill them up in accordance with the prescribed procedure, subject to the ban on creation|filling up of posts, if any. Recruitment of persons on daily wage basis is required to be